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SUBJECT: CUSTOMS DUTIES PAYMENTS BY BRAZILIAN  
CONSULATE IN LOS ANGELES  
REF: BRASILIA 6218; SAO PAULO 1953

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JEAN WEST-PHAL AND REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE, COMMERCE, CUSTOMS AND THE U.S. TRAVEL SERVICE MET WITH BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. PINHEIRO ON AUGUST 3 TO DISCUSS CUSTOMS PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY THE BRAZILIAN TRADE CENTER IN LOS ANGELES.

2. AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO OBJECTED TO WHAT HIS GOVERN-

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MENT CONSIDERED UNEQUAL TREATMENT OF THE LOS ANGELES CENTER BY CUSTOMS IN CONTRAST TO THE BRAZILIAN TRADE CENTER IN NEW YORK, WHICH HE SAID HAD NEVER HAD TROUBLE WITH DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF EXHIBITION SAMPLES. IN THE SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE LOS ANGELES CENTER WAS ASKING FOR DUTY-FREE ENTRY FOR THREE SEPERATE USES; (A) EXHIBITION SAMPLES FOR USE AT

BRAZILIAN BOOTHS IN PRIVATELY ORGANIZED TRADE FAIRS;  
(B) EXHIBITION SAMPLES FOR SMALL SHOWS IN THE  
BRAZILIAN TRADE CENTER, AND (C) SAMPLES AND DISPLAYS  
FOR PERMANENT OR LONG-TERM SHOWING IN THE TRADE CENTER.

3. SECRETARY WESTPHAL AND THE OTHER U.S. PARTICIPANTS  
PROPOSED TO AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO A SOLUTION TO THE LOS  
ANGELES CENTER'S PROBLEMS BASED ON THE U.S. TRADE FAIR  
ACT OF 1959. THE PROPOSAL WAS THAT (A) THE BRAZILIAN  
TRADE CENTER STAFF MUST BE CERTAIN THAT THE ORGANIZERS  
OF PRIVATE FAIRS HAVE OBTAINED CERTIFICATION FOR DUTY-  
FREE PRIVILEGES BY THE TRAVEL SERVICE;(B) FAIRS HELD IN  
THE TRADE CENTER MAY BE GIVEN DUTY-FREE PRIVILEGES BY  
BEING CERTIFIED INDIVIDUALLY BY THE TRAVEL SERVICE OR  
BY A BLANKET APPROVAL OF THE TRADE CENTER'S SCHEDULE  
ONCE A YEAR, AND (C) PERMANENT AND LONG-TERM DISPLAY  
ITEMS MAY ENTER DUTY-FREE UNDER DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES  
AS PART OF THE BRAZILIAN CONSULATE GENERAL.

4. AMBASSADOR PINHEIRO ACCEPTED THE U.S. PROPOSAL  
AND WILL ADVISE THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE  
BRAZILIAN TRADE CENTERS IN THE U.S. AS TO THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1959. HE WAS  
SATISFIED THAT THE U.S. CONDITIONS FOR DUTY-FREE  
PRIVILEGES WERE NOT IN VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLE  
OF RECIPROCITY WHEN COMPARED TO BRAZILIAN REQUIRE-  
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MENTS FOR THE U.S. TRADE CENTER IN SAO PAULO.

5. THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY HAS APPLIED TO THE BUREAU  
OF CUSTOMS FOR A REFUND FOR DUTIES PAID ON BRAZILIAN  
SAMPLES FOR THE FEBRUARY FASHION FAIR AND MARCH  
HOUSEWARES SHOW. THE EMBASSY ADVISED US SUBSEQUENT  
TO THE AUGUST 3 MEETING THAT IT HAD LEARNED FROM  
LOS ANGELES THAT THE GOODS HAD NOT BEEN SOLD AFTER  
THE CONCLUSION OF THE FAIRS. CUSTOMS WILL MAKE  
A RULING ON THE REFUND APPLICATION ASAP.

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